

plant of *Camptosorus*. In the large fissures or caves in the rocks plants of the *Heuchera* are found growing farther from the light than any of the other shade-loving forms.

*Sedum telephioides* Michx., a plant of the southern Appalachian region was found in August, 1902, in Pope County, where it grows in the thin soil at the tops or on ledges of sandstone cliffs. While this was its first collection in the state, it is also interesting as an example of plant distribution. The migration route by which it has reached Illinois is evidently across the hill region of southern Ohio, the Knobs of Indiana, and the Ozark Hills of Illinois. This affords a continuous route along which the plant might find conditions resembling those of the mountains from which it came.

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## LOUISE BRISBIN DUNN

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In the sudden death of Miss Louise Brisbin Dunn, tutor in botany in Barnard College, which occurred on December 18, the department with which she has been so long identified has suffered a serious loss.

Miss Dunn's connection with Barnard began in 1893 when she entered as a special student in the department of botany which was then under the direction of the late Professor Emily L. Gregory. Becoming interested in the regular college work, Miss Dunn made up that winter the amount of Greek required for entrance and matriculated as a regular student in the fall. She was graduated in the spring of '97 with the highest standing attained by any student in the college up to that time. She was of course among those who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa when a chapter of that organization was established in the college three years later. After her graduation Miss Dunn was appointed assistant in botany in Barnard College, and during that year and the next carried on work in botany, zoölogy and chemistry leading to the Master's degree, which she received in June, 1899. At that time she was also advanced to the rank of tutor, which position she held at the time of her death. In the summers of

1899 and 1900 Miss Dunn worked in the Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, serving there also this past summer as assistant in ecology. The intervening summer she spent in France, working part of the time in the Marine Laboratory at Roscoff, Brittany, through the courtesy of M. Robert, the director.

In the department with which she was connected Miss Dunn's strong, bright personality and her tireless enthusiasm were no small inspiration to her colleagues. It was her constant endeavor to promote in every way the best welfare of the department and her suggestions were always of value. She was intensely interested in her work, and she also possessed in unusual measure the ability to share this interest with her students, and to impart to them her own enthusiasm. Not only in her own especial field, however, was her influence felt, but also in the college at large, where among the students she was always ready with her kindly sympathy to help them, so far as it lay within her power, out of any of their difficulties. Her prompt and keen perception of all the bearings of a question under discussion, her logical clearness of statement and the inimitable wit which vivified everything she said made her a valued friend and leader. Possessing marked literary ability herself, she delighted in a wide range of interests, and her criticism of a book or a picture was always worth remembering.

No results of Miss Dunn's scientific work have been published. A study of the development of the embryo in *Delphinium* formed the subject of her thesis presented for the Master's degree. During the past year she made numerous notes on experiments concerning the influence of external factors on the growth of the moss sporophyte, work which she had hoped to finish in the coming spring. Her work must be regarded more in the light of promise for the future, a promise so bright and so well-founded that it gives to all who knew her additional cause for sadness in her sudden death.

Miss Dunn was in the middle of her term of office as vice-president of the Associate Alumnae of Barnard College. She was also a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the Torrey Botanical Club and of the Barnard Botanical Club.